

Another Sermon by Edward O. Bragwell

Why Does Life Seem to Be Unfair?

John 1:10-11; 1 Pet. 2:22-23

Introduction:

- A. Earthly life was not fair to Jesus, why should we expect any different?
- B. Lesson we tried to teach our children – early.
- C. We want to notice three reasons why life does not seem to be fair:

Discussion:

I. We must Live in a Sin-cursed World

- A. The world exists by the power of God.
 - 1. God created it. (Gen. 1:1-8)
 - 2. God sustains it (2 Pet. 3:3-7)
- B. The world is cursed by the power of sin (Gen. 3:17-19)
 - 1. Life made harder.
 - 2. Life leading to death.
 - 3. Life among sinners
- C. The world's temporal conditions affect good and bad people alike (Matt. 5:45)

II. We must Live with the Bad Choices of Others

- A. God has given all men the power to choose (cf. Deut 30:19)
- B. One is not responsible for another's choice (Ezek. 18:20)
- C. One often reaps the consequences of another's choice (Ex. 20:5)
 - 1. Innocent Christians suffer from the hostilities of persecutors (John 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12)
 - 2. Innocent children suffer from parent's choices..
 - 3. Innocent victims may suffer from a another's choice.
 - 4. Innocent party in a divorce. (cf. Matt. 19:9)
- D. Nearly every choice made affects someone else.
 - 1. Ill: The makers of a lemon automobile.
 - 2. (Achan's choice and Israel)
 - 3. David's choice to send for Bathsheba

III. We must Live with Our Own Past Bad Choices

- A. We need not live with the guilt of our bad choices.
 - 1. Forgiveness is available to everyone (Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47; 1 John 1:7-9).
 - 2. We can and should forgive ourselves.
- B. We may live the rest of our lives with the consequences.
 - 1. The destruction of our reputations.
 - 2. The loss of our goods, etc.
 - 3. The loss of health due to abuse of the body in sin.
 - 4. The consequences of a bad marriage.
 - 5. The consequences of criminal activity.

Conclusion:

- A. We must recognize that our finite minds are poor judges of fairness (cf. Ezek. 18:25)
- B. We must also recognize that all injustices will not be rectified until we reach heaven (cf. 2 Pet. 3:13)